

Message Text

SECRET

PAGE 01 USUN N 00017 052329Z

65

ACTION SS-25

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 SSO-00 NSCE-00 /026 W

----- 114347

O 052311Z JAN 76

FM USMISSION USUN NEW YORK

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 5245

S E C R E T USUN 0017

EXDIS

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, UNSC, XF

SUBJECT: THE SECURITY COUNCIL MIDDLE EAST DEBATE: PROCEDURAL
OPTIONS AND OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

REF: USUN 6987

1. IN THE ABSENCE OF LEADERSHIP FROM EITHER THE ARABS OR THE UNITED STATES, DISCUSSIONS OF THE FORTHCOMING MIDDLE EAST DEBATE TEND TO BE UNVECTORED AND SPECULATIVE. BOTH PROCEDURAL AND SUBSTANTIVE ALTERNATIVES HAVE BEEN EXAMINED IN A RATHER DESULTORY WAY.

2. PROCEDURAL POSSIBILITIES: THE SC PRESIDENT (AMB SALIM OF TANZANIA) IS ANXIOUS TO CONCLUDE THE DEBATE IN TEN WORKING DAYS, IN PART SO THE COUNCIL CAN GO ON TO AFRICAN ISSUES DURING HIS PRESIDENCY. SALIM PLANS TO DEVOTE ONE WEEK TO GENERAL DEBATE AND ONE TO CONSULTATIONS ON A RESOLUTION.

3. SOME THOUGHT HAS BEEN GIVEN BY COUNCIL MEMBERS TO THE POSSIBILITY OF A CONSENSUS STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT (OR EVEN A "QUASI-CONSENSUS", OR MAJORITY, STATEMENT LIKE MALIK'S NOVEMBER 30 STATEMENT ON PLO PARTICIPATION.) THE GENERAL SENTIMENT IS THAT THESE POSSIBILITIES SHOULD BE EXPLORED IF A DEADLOCK DEVELOPS, BUT THAT THEY ARE NOT OVERLY PROMISING.

4. THE OPTION THAT HAS RECEIVED MOST ATTENTION IS ADJOURN-
SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 02 USUN N 00017 052329Z

MENT. IN A CASUAL ENCOUNTER WITH THE UK PERM REP, CHINESE

AMB HUANG HUA SAID THAT ADJOURNMENT-WOULD CERTAINLY BE PREFERABLE TO A VETO. OTHER MEMBERS HAVE SPOKEN OF A LIMITED ADJOURNMENT AT THE END OF JANUARY OF SOME SIX WEEKS OR TWO MONTHS. THEY CITE THE SPRING-SUMMER 1973 SC DEBATE ON THE MIDDLE EAST AS A PRECEDENT.

5. ONE FURTHER PROCEDURAL POSSIBILITY (SUGGESTED TO US BY THE FRENCH) IS AN OUTCOME INVOLVING TWO RESOLUTIONS - ONE MODERATE, THE OTHER A CATHARTIC, ARAB NONALIGNED DRAFT WHICH ALL WESTERN MEMBERS WOULD VOTE AGAINST. THIS TACTIC HAS BEEN USED FOR CERTAIN DIFFICULT AFRICAN ISSUES, AND MAY BE WORTH BEARING IN MIND.

6. THE BRITISH AND OTHERS HAVE (APPARENTLY WITHOUT INSTRUCTIONS) SPOKEN OF A POSSIBLE ASSUMPTION OF THE INITIATIVE BY EC-9 MEMBERS. IN THE ABSENCE OF INFORMATION AS TO THE MINIMUM AMERICAN REQUIREMENT FOR WITHHOLDING THE VETO, THE EUROPEAN MISSIONS ARE UNLIKELY TO BE AUTHORIZED TO ASSUME LEADERSHIP.

MOYNIHAN

SECRET

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: Z
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: NEGOTIATIONS, ORGANIZATION & MANAGEMENT, MEETING PROCEEDINGS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 05 JAN 1976
Decaption Date: 28 MAY 2004
Decaption Note: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: greeneet
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1976USUNN00017
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D760003-0247
From: USUN NEW YORK
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1976/newtext/t19760185/aaaacxte.tel
Line Count: 81
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION SS
Original Classification: SECRET
Original Handling Restrictions: EXDIS
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: SECRET
Previous Handling Restrictions: EXDIS
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: greeneet
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 13 MAY 2004
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <13 MAY 2004 by ShawDG>; APPROVED <13 SEP 2004 by greeneet>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
04 MAY 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: THE SECURITY COUNCIL MIDDLE EAST DEBATE: PROCEDURAL OPTIONS AND OTHER CONSIDERATIONS
TAGS: PFOR, XF, UNSC
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006